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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56 and § 1.97(c), Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449.

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with Form PTO-1449.

The undersigned hereby certifies that no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent

office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in § 1.56(c) to be material to the patentability of this application more than three months prior to the filing of the statement.

The relevance of the listed references is as follows.

U.S. 5,4770,355 discloses a non-radioactive method for determining a heart disease risk factor..

U.S. 5,565,328 discloses a method for determining the concentration of an unknown substance in a colorimetric reaction utilizing a fluorometric reader.

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Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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